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FILING DATE: August 7, 2001 ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: METHOD COMPRISING THE USE OF HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-11
RECEPTOR PROTEINS

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to February 21, 2003 Office Action (9 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)
3. Check No. 16556 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover extension fee;
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Amendment and Response to February 21, 2003 Office Action

In response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2003 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the specification

Amend the title as follows:

ANTIBODIES TO HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-11 RECEPTOR

Amend the specification at page 54 as follows:

Abstract

Polynucleotides encoding the human IL-11 receptor and fragments thereof are disclosed. IL-11 receptor proteins, methods for their production, antibodies to human IL-11 receptor, inhibitors of binding of human IL-11 and its receptor and methods for identification of their receptor are also disclosed.